

IS OR MAY BE MENTALLY RETARDED OR MENTALLY ILL.

(N) "PARTY" INCLUDES A CHILD OVER WHOM THE COURT HAS ASSUMED JURISDICTION, THE CHILD'S PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN, [[AND]] THE PETITIONER AND AN ADULT WHO IS CHARGED UNDER §3-831 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(O) "SHELTER CARE" MEANS THE TEMPORARY CARE OF CHILDREN IN PHYSICALLY UNRESTRICTING FACILITIES, PENDING COURT DISPOSITION.

3-802. PURPOSES OF SUBTITLE.

(A) THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE:

(1) TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE, PROTECTION, AND WHOLESOME MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN COMING WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PROGRAM OF TREATMENT, TRAINING, AND REHABILITATION CONSISTENT WITH THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS AND THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST;

(2) TO REMOVE FROM CHILDREN COMMITTING DELINQUENT ACTS THE TAINT OF CRIMINALITY AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR;

(3) TO CONSERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE CHILD'S FAMILY TIES AND TO SEPARATE A CHILD FROM HIS PARENTS ONLY WHEN NECESSARY FOR HIS WELFARE OR IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY;

(4) IF NECESSARY TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM HIS HOME, TO SECURE FOR HIM CUSTODY, CARE, AND DISCIPLINE AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE EQUIVALENT TO THAT WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY HIS PARENTS.

(5) TO PROVIDE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THESE PURPOSES.

3-803. ASSIGNMENT AND ROTATION OF JUDGES.

(A) IN BALTIMORE CITY[' , ] AND IN ANY COUNTY IN WHICH THE CASE LOAD REQUIRES IT, ONE OR MORE JUDGES SHALL BE ASSIGNED SPECIALLY TO HANDLE CASES ARISING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE. THE ASSIGNMENT SHALL BE MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS. THE JUDGES SO ASSIGNED SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO AN AUTOMATIC REGULAR ROTATION.

(B) TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE JUDGES ASSIGNED TO